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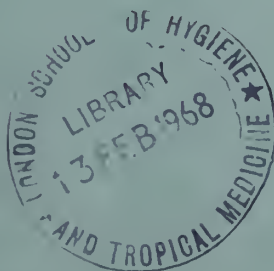
of the

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and

Chief Public Health Inspector

for 1966



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August, 1967.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Frinton and Walton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the state of Public Health in the Urban District of Frinton and Walton for the year 1966. The Report includes that of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the same period. The state of Public Health in the District remains satisfactory as in previous years.

There were 86 cases of infectious disease, including two cases only of Sonnei Dysentery and no Food Poisoning was notified.

The birth rate was lower at 13.2 per thousand of population, but the death rate remains about the same at 10.6, as compared with the National figure of 11.7. The infant mortality rate shows the usual fluctuations from normal owing to a 15 per cent drop in the number of infants born in the district during 1966.

The table showing the causes of death is much of the usual pattern. There were 10 deaths due to lung cancer, 3 female and 7 male. No deaths from Tuberculosis were recorded.

Attendances at The County Clinics remained satisfactory, 162 infants and children were given primary injections against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus and 244 were given booster injections against these diseases. 103 infants and children were vaccinated against Smallpox and 266 immunised against Poliomyelitis.

The water supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity during the year, a total of 213.049 million gallons having been supplied, an increase of about 5 million gallons above last year's figure. Details of bacteriological and chemical analyses of the water are given elsewhere in the Report.

Work has started this year on the Sewage Disposal Scheme at Walton-on-the-Naze as mentioned elsewhere in the Report, completion of which in about two years will add greatly to local amenities.

The work of the Public Health Department continues to expand as in recent years with the increased amount of legislation coming into operation, and regrettably inspections required under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act have not been completed; this matter is referred to elsewhere in the Report.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the Council, the Public Health Committee, and Officers of the Council for their co-operation during the year, and to the Staff of the Public Health Department my thanks for their excellent work.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. A. STENHOUSE,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District of	...	Frinton and Walton
Area in acres	...	6,293
Population:		
1961 census	...	9,571
1966 Registrar General's Estimate		11,360
Density of estimated population per acre		1.8
Rateable value	...	£582,886
Sum represented by a penny rate		£2,280
Number of inhabited houses (estimate)		5,200
Total live births	...	111
Crude birth rate	...	9.7
Corrected birth rate	...	13.2
Birth rate (England and Wales)		17.7
Number of illegitimate births	...	5
Percentage of total births	...	10.2
Total live and still births	...	113
Total still births	...	2
Still birth rate	...	17.6
Still birth rate (England and Wales)		15.4
Total deaths	...	209
Crude death rate	...	18.3
Corrected death rate	...	10.6
Death rate (England and Wales)		11.7
Death of infants under 1 year of age		3
Infant mortality rate	...	26.0
Infant mortality rate (England and Wales)		19.0
Infant mortality rate - legitimate		26.0
Infant mortality rate - illegitimate		-
Neo-natal mortality rate	...	8.6
Early neo-natal mortality rate		8.6
Perinatal mortality rate	...	-
Maternal deaths	...	-
Maternal mortality rate	...	-
Cancer deaths	...	38
Tuberculosis deaths	...	-

LIVE BIRTHS DURING 1966

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	57	49	106
Illegitimate	2	3	5
	<hr/> 59	<hr/> 52	<hr/> 111

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1966 (R. G.)

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Cancer ...	18	20	38
Leukaemia ...	1	-	1
Diabetes ...	1	2	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	17	24	41
Coronary Disease, angina	22	22	44
Hypertension with heart disease	4	2	6
Other heart disease	10	8	18
Other circulatory disease	4	4	8
Influenza ...	1	3	4
Pneumonia ...	3	4	7
Bronchitis ...	6	2	8
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	2	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	-	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	9	6	15
All other accidents	-	1	1
Suicide ...	2	-	2
	107	102	209

DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING 1966

Under 1 year	3
1 and under 5 years	1
5 and under 15 years	-
15 and under 25 years	1
25 and under 35 years	1
35 and under 45 years	-
45 and under 55 years	7
55 and under 65 years	23
65 and under 75 years	64
75 and upwards	109
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	209
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PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES 1966

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Measles	77	-	-
Pneumonia	3	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-
Sonnei Dysentery	2	1	-
Whooping Cough	3	-	-
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IMMUNISATIONS IN 1966

	Year of Birth	Primary Course	Re-inforcing Injections
QUADRILIN (DTPP)	1966-1963	1	-
TRIPLE (DPT)	1966-1963	135	96
	1959-1962	6	47
	Others under age 16	1	5
DIP/TET	1966-1963	-	3
	1959-1962	1	50
	Others under age 16	2	9
DIPHThERIA	1966-1963	-	-
	1959-1962	-	6
	Others under age 16	-	10
TETANUS	1959-1962	6	10
	Others under age 16	4	6

TUBERCULOSIS

There was one case of Tuberculosis notified, but no deaths occurred during the year 1966.

Notifications and deaths from Tuberculosis since 1963:-

Year	New cases	Deaths
1963	3	-
1964	2	-
1965	2	1
1966	1	-

The following figures give the number of cases on the Register at the end of 1966:-

Respiratory Male	22	Non-respiratory Male	-
Respiratory Female	10	Non-respiratory Female	-
	<u>32</u>		<u>-</u>

Total cases: 32.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

The Council, through its Medical Officer, is empowered by the above Acts to secure the removal to hospital or institution, of persons in need of care and attention. No formal action was necessary during 1966.

In consequence of informal action, however, one aged person was removed to hospital, domestic assistance arranged for two aged persons, and surveillance given by the Health Visitor and your Public Health Inspectors to a further two elderly persons living alone..

LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS OF WATER, FOOD, ETC.

WATER	Bacteriological Examination	
	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
(a) Tendring Hundred		
Waterworks Company's		
Supply	12	-
Kirby-le-Soken	14	-
Private Sources	15	2
(b) FOOD		
Cream confectionery	7	-
Custard Confectionery	2	-
Butter Cream	2	-
Artificial Cream	2	-
Whelks, lots	1	-
Cockles, lots	2	-
Mussels, lots	2	-
Sausages	2	-
Ham	1	-
Iced Lollies	4	-

(c) ICE-CREAM

Ministry of Health - Provisional Grading

Grade I. Grade II. Grade III Grade IV.

Ice-Cream 7 1 1 -

(d) BATHING POOL WATER

Satisfactory Unsatisfactory

Samples 21 -

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

Total number of Out- breaks	Number of cases	Number of Deaths	Organisms or other agents responsible with number of outbreaks attributable to each.	Food involved with number of outbreaks associated with each food.
Nil	Nil	-	-	-

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
ON THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

Practically the whole of the water supplied to the Urban District was obtained from the Dedham Pumping Station of the Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company, with some assistance from the Company's subsidiary sources at Lawford during the summer peak period.

The quantity of water supplied to the Frinton and Walton district in the 12 months ended 31st. December, 1966 amounted to 213.049 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.584 million gallons, with a peak of 0.783 million gallons per day.

The total quantity taken for domestic purposes during the year was 181.201 millions gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.497 million gallons. The total amount taken through trade meters was 31.848 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.087 million gallons.

The total number of connections (domestic and trade) made in the year to the Company's mains in the Urban District, amounted to 189.

Approximately 1,751 yards of new mains of 3", 4", 6", 9" and 12" diameter have been laid in the Frinton and Walton district during the year.

Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company
Dedham Works - Water Analyses
Chemical Results in Parts per Million

		1966	
		Maximum	Minimum
Colour		4	Nil
pH		7.7	7.6
Electric Conductivity		950	850
Chlorine present as Chloride		156	118
Hardness	Total	310	280
	Carbonate	275	245
	Non-carbonate	50	15
Nitrate Nitrogen		0.6	0.0
Ammonical Nitrogen		0.63	0.20
Albuminoid Nitrogen		0.02	0.00
Metals (Iron)		0.26	0.14
Turbidity		Less than 3	Nil

	1966	
	Maximum	Minimum
Odour	Nil	Nil
Free Carbon Dioxide	22	11
Total Solids	630	550
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	295	255
Nitrite Nitrogen	Less than 0.01	Absent
Oxygen absorbed	0.40	0.00
Residual chlorine	0.18	Nil

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS

	1 day at 37°C.	2 days at 37°C.	3 days at 20°C.
No. of Colonies developing on Agar			
Minimum	0 per ml.	0 per ml.	0 per ml.
Maximum	0 per ml.	0 per ml.	40 per ml.
	Present in	Absent from	Probable No.
Presumptive Coli- aerogenes Reaction	- ml.	100 ml.	0 per ml.
Bact. coli (Type 1)	- ml.	100 ml.	0 per ml.
Cl. welchii Reaction	- ml.	100 ml.	

REMARKS

These samples are practically clear and bright in appearance have a reaction on the alkaline side of neutrality and are free from metals apart from minute trace of iron. The water is hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. It conforms to the highest standard of organic quality and bacterial purity.

These results are indicative of a water which is pure and wholesome in character and suitable for public supply purposes.

All samples were analysed by the Counties Public Health Laboratories.

Satisfactory bacteriological findings were reported by the Laboratory on samples of mains water, obtained during the year by your Public Health Officers, from different parts of the Urban District.

The Kirby-le-Soken Water Supply, which provides a few cottages in the Village with water for domestic purposes, was found to be satisfactory in quality whenever sampled. During the year, 14 samples were examined by the Laboratory. The source of the supply is an underground stream, piped from a collecting point to a number of standpipes in the main street of the Village.

Private well water supplies, of which there are a few in the rural areas of Great Holland and Kirby-le-Soken, are kept under observation and the water sampled from time to time. Cleansing of wells and chlorination of the water, was necessary in respect of two supplies during the year.

The approximate number of dwelling-houses supplied by public mains is:-

	Houses	Population (est.)
A. Direct to houses	5,125	11,140
B. Standpipes	75	220

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

The following is a synopsis of the principal work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1966:-

Inspections (Public Health and Housing Acts)	1,150
Other Inspections	1,610
Informal Notices served	171
Informal Notices complied with	141
Formal Notice served	1
Formal Notice complied with	1

The following are the Principal Improvements obtained:-

HOUSING

Roofs repaired	1
Gutters and spouting, repaired or renewed	4
Chimney stacks repaired	2
Walls damp-proofed	3
Floors repaired	7
Sub-floor ventilation provided or improved	5
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	14
Ceilings renewed	2
Windows repaired	12
Rooms cleansed and decorated	8
Larder ventilation provided	3
Outbuildings cleansed	2
Plumbing repairs	4

DRAINAGE

Drainage systems repaired or improved	35
Drainage systems unblocked and cleansed	29
Drainage ditches cleansed and graded (170 yds)	3
Cesspits emptied and cleansed	151

REFUSE RECEPTACLES

Defective refuse receptacles renewed	90
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NUISANCES

Animal nuisances abated	1
Insect nuisances abated	57
Rooms fumigated	2
Rubbish accumulations removed	87
Offensive accumulations removed	3

WATER SUPPLY

Wells cleansed	4
Well improvements	5
Well water chlorinated	5
Storage tank renewed	1
Storage tanks covered	3

FOOD PREMISES

Kitchen enlarged and modernized	1
Wall, ceiling and floor improvements	14
Rooms redecorated	11
Room lighting improved	4

Exhaust fans provided	6
Ventilation otherwise improved	7
New sinks provided	3
Modern food equipment provided	9
Walls tiled	6
Modern food preparation tables provided	7
First-Aid Kits provided	9
Staff sanitary accommodation improved	5
Staff hand-washing facilities improved	3
Miscellaneous improvements	17

DISINFECTIONS

Rooms and contents fumigated	5
Caravans and contents fumigated	2
Bedding and clothing destroyed	3 lots
Articles destroyed	8

VERMIN, MOTH ETC.

Rooms and contents fumigated	3
Caravan fumigated	1
Articles steam-disinfected	4 lots

CLOSETS

W. C. accommodation repaired and improved	14
New sanitary fittings provided	16
Caravan Site, additional toilet block and ablution facilities provided	2
Caravan Sites, miscellaneous improvements	12
Other improvements	18

PUBLIC HOUSES

Action was taken in co-operation with Brewery Company's and Licensees, to secure the provision at licensed premises of hand-washing facilities for customers of public bars. At the end of the year, practically all premises had been provided with this facility, including wash-basins with cold water supply, soap and paper towels.

RIVERS AND STREAM POLLUTION

No improvement can be reported in connection with the unsatisfactory condition of the Kirby Stream, a matter which has been referred to in previous Reports. Kirby Sewage Works proposed improvements, which will obviate further pollution of the Stream, have not yet been commenced.

HOUSEBOATS

Under the provisions of the Essex County Council Act, 1952, the Council gave consent to the continued mooring of 13 houseboats in and adjoining the Yacht Club Tidal Basin in Walton-on-the-Maze. The clearance from the Basin of all vessels has been arranged by or before September, 1971, because of the poor condition of the houseboats and unsatisfactory sanitary arrangements in addition to planning considerations.

MOSQUITO DESTRUCTION

No action was necessary during the year in the destruction of mosquitoes. Arrangements for the spraying of mass breeding areas with a Larvicide are available for use as required.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

The Urban District is almost entirely free of any form of industrial air pollution. There are only two factories in Walton-on-the-Maze, and the boiler chimneys of both have been fitted with efficient dust and grit arresters. No other factory premises in the area are liable to produce smoke nuisances.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Visits by Public Health Inspectors, est:	205
Visits by Rodent Operator, est:	820
Houses inspected	330
Houses treated	262
Other Premises inspected	87
Other Premises treated	19
Overtgrown plots cleared and treated	9
Sewer maintenance treatments	3
Other Council Undertakings treated	15

PESTS ACT, 1954

Some increase in the rabbit population was observed during the year, and a few complaints received were referred to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in respect of the infestation of private land. Council-owned or controlled land was treated by the North-East Essex Rabbit Clearance Society of which the Council is a Member.

CARAVAN SITES

Seasonal caravan camping took place at 7 licensed sites which provide for a total of 1,554 caravans. All the sites are provided with modern sanitation and mains water supplies. An additional sanitary and ablution block was provided at one of the sites during the year, and miscellaneous minor improvements effected at other sites. Refuse was removed regularly and frequently by the Council's refuse vehicles.

Substantially improved sanitary arrangements and site conditions were obtained in respect of one large caravan site having accommodation for 775 caravans, following the necessary imposition of additional site licence conditions by the Council.

PORT SANITATION

No action was required during 1966 under the Port Sanitary Regulations.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A contract for the construction of the new Sewage Disposal Works and a pumping station etc. at Walton-on-the-Naze, was commenced in November, 1966, and the work is expected to take about two years to complete. The design of other sections of the Council's overall scheme, involving all parts of the Urban District, is continuing.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Premises registered at end of Year.

Offices	35	}	employing
Shops	102		389 female and
Catering Establishments	12		232 male persons

Since the Annual Report for 1965, 6 premises have been closed and registration cancelled, and the registration of 4 other premises has been transferred to the Factory Inspectorate the administering authority for the type premises involved.

Visits to registered premises	265
Premises inspected in detail	107
Notices served	81
Improvements required	265
Improvements completed	170
Accidents reported	Nil
Exemptions	Nil

The above improvements relate to the provision of adequate room temperature, ventilation and lighting, staff sanitary conveniences and washing facilities, the provision of adequate staircases, guarding of dangerous machinery, working and air space, cleanliness of workrooms, the provision of drinking water, clothing accommodation and the availability of first-aid kits.

A great deal of time has been taken up in the administration of the Act, and this position will obtain for some time to come.

MORTUARY

The Council considered the provision of refrigeration for the Mortuary which is located in Walton-on-the-Naze Cemetery, but the matter was deferred for the time being.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are 15 public Conveniences in the District. An additional convenience is proposed on a new promenade under construction between Frinton-on-Sea and Walton-on-the-Naze. Free hand-washing facilities, comprising basin, cold water, soap and paper towels are provided in all the conveniences, a service which was appreciated by both visitors and residents alike. Wash and brush-up facilities are also provided at the principal conveniences, but the use of this service has decreased considerably since the introduction of free hand-washing facility.

The sign-posting of public conveniences was improved during 1966.

BATHING POOL

A private bathing pool, installed during 1963 for the use of campers on the Martello Caravan Site in Walton-on-the-Naze, was kept under observation and the water sampled from time to time. Satisfactory bacteriological results were reported during the year on 21 samples submitted for examination. Residual chlorine tests were also carried out. Having a capacity of 80,000 gallons of water, the pool is of the latest type in which the water is continuously circulated, filtered and chemically treated by chlorine. For reasons of hygiene, bathers are required to provide their own costumes.

HOUSING

CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT

Proposals by the County Council Planning Committee for the redevelopment of the North Street area of Walton-on-the-Naze, for the consideration of the Council, were still awaited at the end of the year.

In connection with the intended clearance of the area, 6 unfit houses in North Street were acquired by the Council and closed for further habitation, the sites of 2 demolished unfit houses were also acquired, and negotiations were in progress for the purchase of a further 4 unfit cottages in the same street.

HOUSE INSPECTION

Total number of houses inspected for housing defects under Housing or Public Health Acts	109
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HOUSING ACTS

Number of Houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	Nil
Unfit houses purchased by Council and closed	6
Unfit houses closed by arrangement with owners	4
Houses inspected for overcrowding or permitted numbers	23

REPAIRS

Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the year as a result of INFORMAL ACTION under the Housing or Public Health Acts	61
Unfit houses in which defects were remedied as a result of FORMAL ACTION under Public Health Acts	2

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Council is anxious to assist in the improvement, to a good standard, of the older type houses in the area, and financial grants are available to owners in the carrying out of approved improvement/conversion works.

Grants approved during 1966 included -	
Discretionary Grants	6
Standard Grants	13
Conversion Grant	1

NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING 1966

	Commenced	Completed
By the Council	98	13
By Private Enterprise	197	180

INADEQUATELY HOUSED FAMILIES

During 1966, 12 family applicants were re-housed in three-bedroom houses, 5 couples in new two-bedroom flats, and 6 elderly single persons in new one-bedroom flats. Three tenancy transfers were arranged to relieve the under-occupation of three-bedroom houses. The number of applicants on the Waiting Lists for Council dwellings was 75 for houses and 92 for bungalows and flats, at the end of the year.

COUNCIL HOUSING SITES

13 one and two bedroom flats on two and three storeys were completed in Walton Road, Walton-on-the-Naze. The flats were all tenanted by the end of the year, in some cases by Council tenants who were transferred from three-bedroom houses in which there had been under-occupation. The new flats have facilities for central heating which is greatly appreciated, particularly by elderly tenants.

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Council accommodation for elderly persons, at present totals 50 one and two-bedroom flats and bungalows.

... ..

All 30 dwellings in Grove Avenue and Grove Terrace were provided with the standard amenities, and the electrical systems improved during 1966.

A scheme for the similar improvement of houses in Standley Road and Eagle Avenue is under preparation.

... ..

The year was noteworthy in that a start was made in Walton-on-the-Naze in the provision of 96 units of housing accommodation catering for both young families and the elderly. The development embraces special provision for housing elderly persons in a Block of Flats, with Warden, containing Bed/Sitter and one-bedroom Flatlets, with communal lounge, television room, kitchen and laundry room. The Block contains numerous innovations which have been accepted by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Messrs. George Wimpey and Co. Ltd. are the Contractors for all the new development, particulars of which were contained in the Annual Report for 1965.

There were 285 Council Dwellings on the Register at the end of 1966.

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Council dwellings erected since 1946 - 189.

FOOD

FOOD PREMISES

Premises	Number	Inspections
Grocers and Provisions Merchants	31	63
Restaurants	33	170
Hotels and Guest Houses	26	16
Seasonal Refreshment Kiosks	11	18
School Canteens	5	3
Workshop Canteens	1	1
Clubs, etc.	11	2
Butchers	11	112
Bakeries and Cake Shops	12	74
Wet Fish Shops	5	19
Fried Fish Shops	4	21
Dairy	.1	12
Milk Shops	17	12
Food Hawkers	6	6
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	14	12
Confectioners	17	19
Licensed Premises	15	29
	<hr/> 220	<hr/> 589

The above food premises are subject to the Food Hygiene Regulations, and where applicable are fitted to comply with Regulation 16 (staff hand-washing facilities) and Regulation 19 (sinks for washing food equipment).

REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREPARATION PREMISES

The number of food premises registered with the Council under the Food and Drugs Act or the Essex County Council Act is as follows:-

Ice-cream, sale	85
Shell-fish, preparation	2
Fried Fish Shops	5
Sausage and Preserved Meats, preparation	23

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

All home-killed meat entering the District is inspected at the place of slaughter. Supplementary inspections of the meat in local shops is carried out from time to time by your Public Health Inspectors. The bulk of butchers meat sold locally is obtained from Wholesale Suppliers.

Foodstuffs found upon examination to be unfit for consumption, condemned and destroyed during the year, included 70 lbs. meat, 5 lbs. fish, 29 lbs. tinned meat and 17 lbs. tinned fruit.

MILK SUPPLY

The milk supply to the area is obtained from local dairy farms, and Dairy Companies having premises outside the District. Milk is handled and distributed under satisfactory conditions by 15 registered distributors. The one registered dairy in Frinton-on-Sea is in satisfactory condition. Arrangements at the premises for bottle and plant washing and sterilization, and for the pasteurization and handling of milk, are also considered to be satisfactory.

ICE-CREAM

Pre-packed ice-cream only is sold in the area by 84 registered vendors. Premises are inspected from time to time, and samples of ice-cream submitted to bacteriological examination. There are no manufacturers of ice-cream in the District.

BAKEHOUSES

Bakehouses were inspected regularly, and matters calling for attention brought to the notice of managements. There are five bakeries in operation. As was reported in the Annual Report for 1965, the physical capacity of two of the bakeries is being outstripped by expanding businesses. There is no room for extending or enlarging the bakery buildings, and the need is becoming increasingly urgent for the provision of alternative larger premises in less congested areas. The Managements are only too aware of the position, but to-date have been unable to find suitable premises, or land on which to build.

FOOD HYGIENE

Similar advisory action to that outlined in previous Annual Reports, was taken in matters of hygiene in food shops and catering premises.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

REFUSE COLLECTION

Modern rear-loading vehicles are used for the collection and removal of domestic and other refuse, which is undertaken weekly. A 35 cubic yard capacity continuous loading vehicle was brought into use during the year, in replacement of an old machine, and the new vehicle is helping to deal with the ever increasing volume of refuse. A further similar replacement vehicle will be required within a year or two.

Additional collections of refuse are arranged during the summer months at catering premises, some food shops and caravan sites. The regular removal of trade refuse from business premises is undertaken by arrangement with managements. Charges for special refuse collections were adjusted by the Council during the year.

Income from all sources in respect of refuse collection, removal and disposal, amounted to £1,077.

84 Loads of reject furniture and bulky household articles, were removed and disposed of. A charge is made for this special service.

Present arrangements for the collection and removal of abandoned or derelict motor cars are not very satisfactory. If difficulties are to be avoided, further consideration will have to be given to the matter and the problems which will almost certainly arise with the passage of time. Some 90 defective dustbins at dwelling-houses were replaced by new bins following informal action by the Department. The use of the paper sack method of refuse storage has been continued at dwellings in new housing development, and its operation has been satisfactory.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping, and some incineration, on land at Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken. A replacement tractor, fitted with bucket and blade, was acquired during the year for use in the work.

The site has been in continuous use for refuse disposal for some 35 years, and its working life will be exhausted within the next 2 or 3 years. Additional land will then be required, and efforts are now in progress to secure a suitable site for the purpose.

STREET SCAVENGING

Street gulley cleansing three times per year was executed under Contract, and scavenging by mechanical and manual methods was continued as in previous years. A Lacre mechanical sweeper was purchased and brought into operation in July, 1966, in replacement of a Lewin Machine which was sold to a local contractor.

WEATHER

Sunshine	--	1585.4 hours.
Rainfall	-	27.12 inches.

FACTORIES

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspection tations (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	20	11	1	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	68	42	4	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	5	2	-
Totals:	91	58	7	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a)					
Insufficient (b)	1	1	-	-	-
Unsuitable or Defective (c)	5	5	-	2	-
Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	7	7	-	2	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

SECTIONS 133 and 134

Section 133				Section 134
Nature of work (1)	Number of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)
Wearing Apparel Making etc.	2	-	-	-

The premises were inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

